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MASSACHUSETTS MAN SENTENCED FOR COUNTERFEITING

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and Special Agent in Charge of the United States Secret Service Boston Field Office Steven D. Steven Ricciardi today announced that Ronald Elwell, 21 of Lynn, Massachusetts, was sentenced to 24 months in prison by the United States District Court, Concord, New Hampshire, after pleading guilty to one count of conspiracy to manufacture and pass counterfeit \$100 Federal Reserve Notes. Elwell was also placed on supervised release for three years. The term of supervised release begins after he is released from prison and, during that period, Elwell's behavior will be monitored by the United States Probation Office.

U.S. Attorney Tom Colantuono stated: "The integrity of the currency of the United States must be fully protected. The passing of a single counterfeit Federal Reserve Note impugns the integrity of our government's monetary system. As this case demonstrates, those who would use computer technology to duplicate, produce, and pass counterfeit currency will be prosecuted."

The case was investigated by the United States Secret Service and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Don Feith.